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MOTTO

Verify, those who believe (in the oneness of Allah and Muhammad) and righteous good deeds, they are the best creatures.

(Q.S. Al Bayyinah: 7)

Kebaikan dalam kata-kata menciptakan percaya diri, kebaikan dalam berpikir menciptakan kebajikan, kebaikan dalam memberi menciptakan cinta.

(Lautzu)

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity: an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

(Sir Winston Churchill)

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Today must be better than yesterday.

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- *My husband to be...*

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In analyzing the movie, the writer uses qualitative study. There are two kinds of data source. The primary data source is the movie of Niki Caro *North Country*, while the secondary data are books and internet websites related to the study. The method of collecting data source in the research is library research by watching the movie, summarizing, paraphrasing, and note-taking. The technique of data analysis is descriptive analysis.

Having analyzed this movie, the writer draws conclusions as follows: first, literary work may reflect the social reality about women's struggle for gender equality. Second, Niki Caro want to say women and men are created equal.

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SYNOPSIS

North Country is a film directed by Niki Caro, it was released on 21 October 2005. This film was adapted from a true story of a case Jenson Vs Evelith Taconite Co. The film takes place in North of Minnesota. The major character is Josey Aimes acted by Charlize Theron. Josey is a single mother who has two kids, Sammy Aimes and Karen Aimes. To fulfill their needs she works in Mine Pearson.

The story begin when the major character Josey Aimes decides to escape from her drunken husband, she also takes her children. Then she stays in her parent house, although her father dislikes her. Josey has bad relationship with her father because she was born a baby when she was in a high school without no one knows who the father of the baby is. To fulfill their needs Josey washes hair in a drawing room. Then, she meets her friend Glory; she is the only female truck driver in the Pearson coal mine. Glory also inform to Josey about the job vacancy in the mine. She thinks that her wages by washing hair is not enough. So she decides to work at mine, although her parent disagrees with her decision, because the mine is a rough place to work for women. Josey crushed by her father harshness then she takes her family to stay with Glory till she gets a house.

The middle of the film consists of complication and climax. Complication begins when Josey decides to work at mine. The mine is rough place to work. Most of the mine workers are men. The women are hated and despised by the men. They constantly treat them with prank and aggressive sexual behavior. Josey has it worst. She is the prettiest and known as a tramped. It turns out her

immediate superior. Bobby Sharp is her ex boy friend when she was in a high school. He targets her, aiming her brunt of his sexual advances. Josey thinks that it is not fair for her, so she decides to see the leader of mine Pearson, looking for a help. But they can not do anything because there is not law protection for the woman workers. The situation is more complicated after Josey met Bobby's wife. Because she abuse her in a hockey ball field when she is watching hockey ball game. Beside that, her son Sammy hates her, because she works at mine. Climax appears when Josey decides to claim the mine Pearson for getting law protection.

The resolution started when Josey with her lawyer Bill white decides to claim the main trough class action. In resolution is happy ending because the major character wins her claim and finally get law protection for the woman worker so gender quality can be achieved. In other hand her relationship with her parent and her son is better. In a law court, it is revealed that Josey raped by her teacher till she pregnant.